

Weekly Banner.

By BARKIN & LEVIN.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1879.

THE BANNER is indebted to Hon. S. B. Maxey for congressional favors.

THE congressional election takes place in the sixth district on Tuesday next.

PHILADELPHIA has just had a fire destroying property to the value of \$750,000.

GERMANY has determined to renounce silver, and England will speedily follow the example.

THE hands on the Santa Fe railroad were all paid off on Wednesday. This looks like business.

THE Corpus Christi Gazette has a new and egotistical editor. He uses the word "we" seventy-four times in his salutatory.

THE Statesman says some members of the legislature say it will adjourn next week; others say it will not get through before the 25th.

HON. ROBERT M. TOOMBS, of Georgia, has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address at the Austin fair in October next.

THE Telegraph says the people of Richmond have about given up the idea of ever having the Santa Fe to run regularly to Galveston.

PREMIUMS of \$1500, \$1000 and \$500 will be offered by the next St. Louis fair for the best drilled military companies in the United States.

"WHETHER are we drifting?" is the conundrum propounded by a correspondent of an exchange. The propounder and many others are drifting to sea.

THE Marshall Herald understands that a party from another state has been endeavoring to tamper with a witness in the Currie case. He is warned to desist.

A COCKING main between Pennsylvania and Virginia, at Norfolk, is deemed of sufficient importance to be telegraphed all over the United States and Canada.

THE Austin Statesman says money is flowing into the state treasury in a steady stream. Everybody's warrant will be paid forthwith, immediately if not sooner.

IN Columbus, O. the republicans elected a mayor by a majority of 1000 to 1500. At Evansville, Ind., the republicans won. At Albany, N. Y., the democrats were successful.

THE Galveston Citizen makes the amende honorable by recognizing any and all things it has said derogatory to the First National Bank of Galveston.

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MR. SWAIN, state senator, of the River county, has been extensively advertised and lampooned in the newspapers of the "Hand-bill" Swain.

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THE TRICK.

The Fort Dodge, Iowa, Times a very lively, interesting and influential local paper, has for the past two years, ably advocated the cause of the greenback party in its immediate section, as opposed to the republican party, which had for years controlled not only the political destinies of the county in which Fort Dodge is situated, but the entire state. In the county referred to the greenbackers were successful; the old enemy, the republican party, was defeated, and it was fondly hoped that a better day had dawned.

Gov. ROBERTS advertises for bids for surveying 3,050,000 acres of public lands in the counties of Deaf Smith, Farmer, Castro, Lamb, Bailey, Hockley, Dallam, Hartley, Cochran and Oldham, said lands to be surveyed in league tracts. This is the land to be appropriated for building a new capitol.

NEAR Memphis on the Arkansas side of the river the dead body of a man was found with a pistol on his person. A jury of inquest returned a verdict in accordance with the facts. The squire then fined the dead man \$25 for carrying concealed weapons and levied upon some of his stock to pay the fine.

IT is asserted that the Globe-Democrat abuses Texas for the purpose of provoking retaliation, and thus securing gratuitous advertising. An exchange says the Texas press is now credited with \$5000 for advertising in the books of the G-D. There is, however, no report of any portion of those \$5000 having reached the coffers of a Texas paper.

WE were always under the impression that the Galveston Journal of Commerce was a very proper paper, but it speaks of a man on another paper in this way: "He's a damphool reporter and so's the News for publishing his mischievous lying sensations." Damphool may not be exactly a "cuss word," but it is near enough to it to pass for one.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, the New York railway king and party is making a tour of Georgia. At Quitman he demanded that his negro servant should be seated at the hotel table. This was refused and Mr. Vanderbilt and his party at once left. If this is a fact Vanderbilt should have a wig made of the skin of an asses head and always appear in public in it.

THE Round Rock Headlight, that erstwhile blew its whistle and claimed to be the largest paper published in Central Texas, has allowed its oil to burn out and the Headlight is now in total darkness. The entire office, lock stock and barrel including the extinguished lamp, passed through Austin the other day en route for Cuero. Puffing and blowing does not always make a newspaper a success.

ELSEWHERE appears a communication from Graball, signed J. H. R. We commend it to the attention of our farming friends, and would remark by the way that the writer is himself a farmer. The inquiries made are pertinent, and it will afford the BANNER pleasure to publish any answers that its friends may see proper to write. One of the best means of improving the various crops is by a free interchange of ideas and experience by farmers. One should give his neighbors and the public the benefit of his experience when a new method of work or cultivation is adopted, as by this means all are benefited. The BANNER has on previous occasions suggested this means of inter-communication among farmers, and has published one or two letters—all that it has received. It is our object to make our weekly edition especially interesting to farmers, as its chief circulation is among them, and we will cheerfully furnish a column, or more if necessary, for the special purpose here mentioned. It is our firm conviction that much good can be accomplished by the means here suggested. We leave the matter to the hands of those directly interested.

FOR the benefit of Holland, the hindmost race. The various occurrences of defeat with the cent

The Volksfest.

The various committees are busily engaged in preparing for the coming Volksfest, May 9 and 10. The entire programme will be carefully and fully carried out. It will undoubtedly be the largest and most successful affair of the kind ever attempted in the state. The Houston Volksfest, many state and national

Waco gives a large celebration, we may expect a largely increased attendance. Our hotel and boarding house keepers should prepare themselves for crowded houses. On the first day orations will be delivered in English and German. Judge McAdoo will orate in English and Prof. Jessen in German. There will be a grand military drill by Col. Kirby's 3rd Regiment of Texas Militia. The following is a complete list of the prizes:

Military—Best drilled company, three companies participating, \$50. Three medals (two gold and one silver) for the best three marksmen, members of military companies participating.

Turner—Three medals (one gold and two silver) for best three turners. Decorated Wagons or Representations—first prize, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$15; fourth, \$10.

THE PAUPERS.—At the February term of the commissioners' court an order was made, discontinuing the monthly allowance to the sixty paupers on the rolls, from and after March 1st, and a contract was entered into with Mr. Sam Stone to take care of and maintain on his plantation such paupers as might be sent there by the county judge and commissioners. The result has been as the BANNER has for the past year or two predicted. During March but two paupers appeared who availed themselves of the benefit of the poor farm; since that time some three or four others, utterly helpless and friendless, have gone there. The total number of inmates is not over, perhaps, half a dozen, the remaining fifty and upwards have found ways and means of supporting themselves. At the expiration of the contract with Mr. Stone the county should buy a farm and establish a poor house of its own.

To Farmers.

For reasons known only to himself and his advisers, Gov. Roberts has removed Dr. Wallace from the office of superintendent of the lunatic asylum. There was no charge against him, and after a long and patient investigation by the legislative committee, everything was found perfect. Dr. Wallace was a very efficient superintendent and by his management of the insane, has gained a reputation throughout the country. The position is one of great responsibility and it is a specialty in the practice of medicine that few physicians ever become expert in; for that reason, if for no other, Dr. Wallace should have been retained. The governor's action is almost universally condemned by the state press.

THE Galveston Citizen in reply to the assertion of an exchange that Geo. Sealy & Co., of Galveston are looking for somebody to take the Santa Fe railway off their hands says: "We have full confidence in the ability and financial resources of the gentlemen who have exclusive control of the enterprise to carry out their full completion."

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LEGISLATIVE.

SENATE. April 7.—Insurance committee reported favorably on house amendment to senate bill amending insurance article 2971.

Mr. Homan: Bill for court in 32d district; same memorial from Washington county against public weigher bill.

A number of bills were passed. Bill for courts in 32d district passed.

Constitutional amendments that member of the legislature shall be elected to any other office by the legislature, nor shall the governor be elected to any other office while governor, failed to get a two-thirds vote and was lost.

HOUSE. The bill for the sale of school lands was considered and ordered engrossed. General appropriation bill again discussed.

SENATE. April 8.—Senate took up collector and assessors' bill, reported from the house with amendments, and senate bill was adhered to. Committee reported favorably on bill consolidating offices of collector and assessor, and providing for the performance of their duties by contract, if expedient.

Quarantine bill with house amendments passed. Bill to prevent members of the legislature being elected to office by that body, and preventing the governor from being elected to any office during his term, passed. This will prevent the re-enacting of the programme of elevating Coke to the senate.

HOUSE.—Consideration of general appropriation bill resumed; salaries of clerks in some departments reduced and provision made for female clerks in land office. Salaries of superintendents of asylums reduced to \$1800, the reduction being \$200.

SENATE. April 9.—Amendment to consolidate the office of assessor and collector engrossed. Bill regulating fees of officers of various courts, passed. The district attorney bill was discussed.

HOUSE.—Joint resolution proposing constitutional amendment to permit unlimited duration of legislative sessions passed. General appropriation bill taken up and some work done. Bill to change time of holding general election lost.

Bill extending time of San Diego and Corpus Christi railroad company two years passed. From Barleson County.

CALDWELL, April 4, '79. Editor: I have just returned from a very pleasant visit to the "Banner" county. Concerning the trip, I would say of the region lying between the San Antonio prairie and the Murdock crossing of the Yegua, I cannot speak very enthusiastically; however, we noticed several improvements had been made in the last two years. On Birch creek the Bohemians are forming quite a settlement. We passed a very good looking steam engine on the road side, innocent of house or cover, clattering away, providing meal for the natives.

We forded the Yegua, as some one had told me the bridge there had been considered unsafe for more than a year. If it is so, I think some notice ought to be stuck up to warn the unsuspecting traveler.

Toward the "gloaming" we drew rein at the hospitable mansion of Mrs. McNelly. On Sunday we had the pleasure of worshipping with the good people of Burton in their nice new church and of meeting with a large number of dear friends. It would occupy too much space to describe the evening.

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STATE NEWS.

—Corn sells at 60 cents a bushel in Austin.

—Rain is badly needed in Lamar county—corn is parched up.

—Houston now pays her policemen and fire department employees in cash.

—A wild Mexican hog or peccary was captured near Gonzales a few days ago.

—Bastrop county farmers are becoming desperate over the horse-stealing question.

—The fence around the cemetery at Columbus, has after a long time, been completed.

—A tramp in Columbus, cutting wood, missed the stick and cut all the toes off one foot.

—Rev. J. K. Street, once the publisher of Street's weekly is now lecturing at Waco.

—Comanche town runs a mayor's court; prices range from \$1 to \$5 and trimmings.

—A Houston man caught a negro burglar in his house and put a stamp on him—with his boot heel.

—The Huntsville Item man was presented with a pitcher of ice water last week. Cold consolation, that.

—"Lake Como" is the name of the pond used at Corsicana as a baptizing place by the colored people.

—Comanche is an uninviting place, the Chief says there are only 99,999 fleas to each and every square inch.

—The Statesman has no fears that the Central railroad will build a passenger depot at Austin for several months.

—The Paris Banner man is in a quandary, he says "it's most too cold for beer and most too warm for whiskey."

—Seven young men of Comanche have started for Arizona and New Mexico. They have gone gold hunting.

—At LaGrange, last week, the only sensation was a negro shooting—one negro shot another—no damage done.

—The Navasota Tablet notes numerous improvements in the town of Plantersville since the railroad has reached there.

—Judge Moore, of Bastrop, has given notice that visitors to the stock show on the 23d will not be summoned on juries.

—Local option was voted on at Iola, Grimes county—80 against, 36 for. They will continue to take sugar in their'n.

—A concealed assassin fired several shots at Cliff Hubbard in Bastrop. He thinks they were shooting at another fellow.

From Graball.

March 31, 1879. Editor: Southern farmers are slow to take hold of labor saving machinery; many farmers in this county, and I presume it is the case in other sections of the cotton belt adhere to the Carey plow for bedding and planting.

This covering cotton with a turning plow, necessitates a vast amount of extra labor—I admit that when land is rough and cloddy, a turning plow is the only plow that will put the seed in and leave the land in anything like good fix. Farmers here, as a general thing, look on all Yankee plows as humbugs, won't work, no account, a swindle, is too often the cry. Why is this the case? I say simply because we fail to prepare our land properly to use labor saving plows, such as corn planters, cotton planters, cultivators, etc.

We don't commence plowing in the spring until the land ought to be broke up. I would like to hear from some one who has tried cultivators, walking or riding, cotton and corn planters, which kind is the best, and on what kind of land they work best, condition of land &c.

Farming progressing slowly in this end of the county—corn is pretty well all up, some cotton up but a good deal yet to plant.

I have heard it asserted that one man with a cultivator and team sufficient can do the plowing for 60 acres of corn in Indiana or Illinois or any of the western states. If this is a fact, why can't it be done here.

J. H. R. —A terrible tragedy was enacted at Mount Vernon, Franklin county, on Saturday last. About dusk the sheriff closed the jail and left a young man, Robt. Morgan, as a guard. Six men rode up and killed Morgan, after which they made an ineffectual attempt to enter the jail. There were three prisoners, all thieves, inside and whom they intended to release. The house of a citizen near the jail was fired into.

Gents' furnishing goods, shirts, underwear, hosiery, hats, caps, ties, hand made shoes and boots at bottom figures at D. W. BLOOMBACH & Co's.

Five thousand dollars worth of goods must and will be sold in the next sixty days, even if they have to go at New York cost and these wonderful bargains are at C. A. POTTER'S.

SOAP! SOAP!—E. J. Frankel is just in receipt of a large lot of soaps, to which he calls the attention of consumers.

COTTON SEED WANTED.—Highest cash price paid or same delivered at my warehouse. J. A. WILKINS.

LADIES!—Go to C. G. Couch's to see his new and novel shoes. Basket goat, S. S. French kid button, Cur—kid—N button. Misses' kid button, Children's button.

GOOBER PEAS.—Just received a lot of Virginia raised goober peas for planting purposes. For sale in quantities to suit by FAUSTINA B.

Best Boston Shoes at reduced prices at D. W. BLOOMBACH & Co's.

Endless varieties of misses' and children's shoes, etc., at D. W. BLOOMBACH & Co's.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE! All persons holding claims against the estate of T. R. Power, deceased, must present the same for allowance, within twelve months after the 11th day of April, 1879, (on which date letters of administration were granted to the undersigned) or the payment thereof will be postponed until the claims which have been presented within said twelve months and allowed shall have been first entirely paid.

L. W. CAMPELL, Administrator.

Peach Crop for Sale. TERMS ON APPLICATION. 9760 boxes of fruit was last year shipped from my orchard. This year the crop is very fine and an energetic man with some money can handle it to a good profit, not having time to give it my personal attention, I will sell the crop on good terms.

MECHAM & WILSON. FOR SALE. A neat cottage house with 15 acre lot, pleasantly situated in southwest part of town; will sell low for cash.

JOHN A. RANDLE. EASTER BALL. AT PESCH'S HALL, BERLIN.

On Monday evening, April 14th, a grand Easter Ball. A general invitation is extended to all my friends.

WM. PESCH. FOR SALE. Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9 & 13, of the Allerton addition, choice lots and pleasant locality.

JOHN A. RANDLE. DEALER IN STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, St. Charles Street. BRENHAM, - TEXAS.

Having bought out C. A. Potter's stock of groceries, I desire to inform my friends that I will continue the business at his old stand, and will sell at all times, at all times, a full stock of fresh groceries and family supplies, which will be sold at reasonable prices. All goods purchased of me will be delivered.

FREE OF CHARGE, to any point within the corporation. Give me a trial. E. L. SALLEY. November 27, '78. FOR SALE. Lot No. 1 of block 8, of Key's 1st addition, contains one acre, one block west of Mayor Kerr's residence, fronts on Day and 1st street. Price \$300 cash.

JOHN A. RANDLE. FOR RENT. A comfortable dwelling, 4 rooms and gallery, all new, good water and other conveniences, near the square.

JOHN A. RANDLE. Spring Styles! E. J. FRANKEL, Respectfully informs his patrons that he is now in receipt of his spring stock of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, DRESS GOODS, LAWNS, SUITINGS, PERALS, and a full line of LADIES HATS, Of the latest styles, and at remarkably low prices. A full line of GROCERIES, Queensware, Glassware, Lamps, Tobacco, Cigars.

The public are respectfully invited to call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. Satisfaction as to quality of goods and prices guaranteed. Will receive all kinds of country produce in exchange for goods. E. J. FRANKEL. A few more FOR SALE. Best Boston Shoes at reduced prices at D. W. BLOOMBACH & Co's.

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Spring Millinery.

MRS. J. T. NORRIS received her Spring Millinery, the latest styles, selected from New York, Baltimore and Chicago. Beautiful Patterns Hats and Bonnets, trimmed Hats. The Garland and Cascade most desirable shade. Hats ever worn from Paris for Ladies Misses and Children. Flowers, French and American; Novelties in Neck Wear and Veiling; A choice selection of Notions, Hosiery, Gloves, Picniet, Ties, Laid in all colors. Fans, Silver Hair Ornaments, Embroideries in all colors very low. New Laces, Tulle, Braid, Huts for little boys. A competent Milliner has charge of the Trimming Department; will fill orders at shortest notice. Prices very moderate, satisfaction guaranteed. Demorest's Patterns just received, call and get catalogue.

GRAND OPENING AND DISPLAY OF MILLINERY. Thursday, April 2d Come

Wm. SCHURENBERG, and manufacturer of AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS. Special attention given to House BURNING, general job work and repairs. Terms liberal. Shop above Giddings' bank, on Sandy street. June 15 '74.

DAILY HACK FOR INDEPENDENCE. THERE now being a daily mail to Independence, the undersigned is running a hack between Brenham and Independence. Leave Independence at 8 A. M. Leave Brenham at 2 P. M. Fare for round trip some day \$5. Single trip 75 cents. Callers left at the postoffice will receive prompt attention.

J. N. SMITH. FOR SALE. A commodious one story house, beautifully situated on Main street near the square.

JOHN A. RANDLE. Strays. Taken up by G. L. Chandler, at his residence in Washington county, on the 10th of Feb., 1879, and estrayed before J. J. Wyatt, J. P. Precinct No. 1, a Bay Mare, black, no marks or brands perceptible, about nine years old, valued at \$10.

Taken up by Louis Lehmann at his residence in Washington county, on the 20th of July, 1878, and estrayed before H. L. McClung, J. P. Precinct No. 3, an iron grey mare about 12 or 13 hands high, about 3 years old; no brands. Valued at \$30.

Attest: H. M. LEWIS, C. C. C. W. C. By C. F. HENRY, Deputy. FOR SALE. One block containing 2 1/2 acres, all under fence with a small house, adjoining Mrs. Spencer's place. Price \$500 cash. Also a few vacant lots in same locality.

JOHN A. RANDLE. NEW FIRM! Frankel, John & Seelhorst, —SUCCESSORS TO— Reichardt & Seelhorst, —DEALERS IN— HARDWARE, Stoves, Hollow and Tin Ware, Paints, Oils, Varnish, Window Glass, Belting, and Agricultural Implements, MANUFACTURERS OF FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF SAFES.

House-furnishing Goods, Pumps of all descriptions, Cooking and Heating Stoves, in large variety. Wrought Iron Pipe and Steam Fittings cut and fitted to order. Roofing and spouting done at short notice.

Guns and Hunters Supplies. Guns, Pistols and Safes repaired at short notice. Iron doors and window blinds made to order. All kinds of carriages and ammunition kept on hand.

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